

APPROVED: Meeting No. 22-83

ATTEST:

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL

ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

MEETING NO. 14-83

May 16, 1983

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in general session, in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, May 16, 1983, at 8:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor pro-tem Viola Hovsepian

Councilman Douglas Duncan

Councilman John Tyner, II

ABSENT

Mayor John R. Freeland  
(travel leave)

Councilman Steve Abrams  
(travel leave)

The Mayor pro tem in the Chair.

In attendance: City Manager Larry Blick; City Clerk Helen Heneghan;  
City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Re: Public Hearing: Budget FY 84

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on the proposed operating budget for FY 84, the proposed Capital Improvements Program for FY 84-89, the intent to raise the tax rate above the Constant Yield Tax Rate, and the proposed use of general revenue sharing funds and heard those persons as will be found in the official stenographic transcript of the hearing. There being no other citizen wishing to be heard, Mayor pro-tem Hovsepian closed this evening's hearing to continue it on Tuesday, May 24, 1983, at 8:00 p.m.

Re: Public Hearing: A proposed ordinance entitled "Motor Vehicle Repair and Towing Registration" to require the registration of business engaging in the repair and maintenance of towing of motor vehicles, to establish requirements for such businesses; to establish penalties for violation; and to authorize the administration and enforcement of this by Montgomery County

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on a proposed ordinance entitled "Motor Vehicle Repair and Towing Registration", and heard those persons as will be found in the official stenographic transcript of the hearing.

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There being no other citizen wishing to be heard, Mayor pro-tem Hovsepien closed the hearing with the record to be held open for two weeks.

Re: Public Hearing: A proposed ordinance entitled "Consumer Protection" that will declare the failure to disclose certain pricing information pertaining to the sale of certain beverages an unconscionable trade practice; providing for enforcement of summonses and subpoenas; and making violations municipal infractions

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on a proposed ordinance entitled "Consumer Protection" and heard those persons as will be found in the official stenographic transcript of the hearing. There being no other person wishing to be heard, the Mayor pro-tem closed the hearing with the record to be held open for two weeks.

Re: Public Hearing: A proposed ordinance entitled "Alarms" to provide for the regulation and licensing of alarm businesses and alarm users; establish penalties for violation and enforcement by Montgomery County

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on a proposed ordinance entitled "Alarms" and heard those persons as will be found in the official stenographic transcript of the hearing. There being no other person wishing to be heard, the Mayor pro-tem closed the hearing with the record to be held open for two weeks.

Re: Work Session - Proposed Operating Budget

The Mayor and Council met in work session to discuss the proposed operating budget. They reviewed with the City Manager and the budget staff the general fund, a) revenues and expenditures, b) constant yield tax rate, c) surplus, d) tax duplication, and e) debt service.

They discussed the comparison of other funds. They were then given general information such as tax and service charges to citizens and a departmental personnel wrap up.

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The Mayor and Council reviewed the requests of the Animal Control task force at tonight's hearing since some of the requests applied to this year's funding, not the next fiscal year. It was the feeling of the City Manager that the requests would be impossible to carry out this fiscal year. At the urging of Councilman Tyner, the Council rediscussed the matter and it was agreed that on May 23 the City Manager would report back to the Council on where the money could come from and how the items could be funded so that this rabies situation can be faced immediately. The City Manager said ordering new traps will be part of the final report. The Council has developed a list of questions for the staff. Councilman Tyner asked that the Council be provided with a figure on the interest received by the City on the fund balance. Mayor pro-tem Hovsepien asked the cost of a full-time Human Rights staff person, possibly bi-lingual. This would mean the addition of 1/2 position. She also asked that the staff pursue the Twinbrook Citizens Association's request for the purchase of church property to be used as a park. Councilman Tyner asked the targets of opportunity figure \$25,000 be placed on the list. He asked for a breakout of the Town Center costs from the budget and also the Zuchelli/Hunter Entrepreneur memo. He asked the cost of sidewalks if Route 28 is widened. Councilman Duncan asked for the following: 1) the amount of dollars needed to increase the surplus to the total recommended by the auditors, 2) an elections increase that would cover the mailing out of a sample ballot to the registered voters in the City and Montgomery County voters who reside in the City, 3) a figure on construction of the Lincoln Park bridge, 4) the cost of a landlord/tenant commission, 5) sign replacement for the neighborhood watch program, 6) ground maintenance at Lone Oak School as a contribution to the Boys' and Girls' Club, 7) the cost of sending the City's band director to Chatham, Massachusetts, to investigate the band-night program, and 8) an update on the summer jobs program. Councilman Abrams had asked for the cost of a statue of F. Scott Fitzgerald. Mayor pro-tem Hovsepien asked for a clarification of the ombudsman.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council in work session, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m. to convene again in work session on Thursday, May 19, 1983, at 8:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.